

CCS 5th Grade Band Supply Checklist for Woodwinds

All Instruments

- ☐ Instrument in good working condition
- ☐ Standard of Excellence Book 1 (Red Cover) for that instrument
- ☐ Music stand (wire stand is preferred)

Flutes

- ☐ Cleaning rod
- ☐ Handkerchief or swab to remove water when putting the instrument away after playing
- ☐ Polishing cloth (optional)

Clarinets

- ☐ *3-5 Clarinet reeds
- ☐ Cleaning cloth to remove water when putting the instrument away after playing
- ☐ Cork grease

Alto Saxophone

- ☐ *3-5 Alto Saxophone reeds
- ☐ Cleaning cloth to remove water when putting the instrument away after playing
- ☐ Cork grease
- ☐ Neckstrap

A word about reeds

- Good reeds are essential for playing a reed instrument.
- Students should ***always*** have 3 reeds in their case with spares at home.
- Reeds do not last forever! With good care, they will last 4-8 weeks right now.
- Reeds are known by brand and size. The higher the number, the harder the reed.
- Not all reeds are the same even if the size is the same.

At this time, we recommend the brand of reeds from **Rico (ree-ko) size 2.5. After 6-8 weeks, your child will be ready for size 3.*

CCS 5th Grade Band Supply Checklist for Brass and Percussion

All Instruments

- ☐ Instrument in good working condition
- ☐ Standard of Excellence Book 1 (Red Cover) for that instrument
- ☐ Slide Grease
- ☐ Mouthpiece Brush
- ☐ Cleaning Coil (Snake)
- ☐ Music stand (wire stand is preferred)

Trumpet

- ☐ Valve Oil

Trombone

- ☐ Slide Oil

Percussion

- ☐ Standard Bell set
- ☐ Bell stand (convertible)
- ☐ Drum Pad
- ☐ Bell Mallets
- ☐ Drum Sticks (Vic Firth SD-1 or similar)

A word about cleaning

- It is a good idea to clean the mouthpiece once/week with heavy playing.
 - Students will be doing light playing so they may not need to clean the mouthpiece for a few months.
- Professionals clean their instrument every few months and professionally cleaned at least once/year.
 - Your child may not need to “run a snake” through the leadpipe for at least 6 months.
- If playing your instrument after meals/snacks, brush your teeth.
- Unless a liquid is clear (water), do not drink while playing. Sugar eats the metal from the inside.